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PUBLIC HEARING

Supplies cut to balance \$41M school budget

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Spending plan for 2015-16 called 'responsible' to taxpayers

School Committee member Wendy Rua is "proud" of her school district and its "top-notch" teachers. She's also worried that the \$41 million budget approved unanimously by the committee last week doesn't give them enough resources.

Rua said although a leaner budget is "being responsible and careful of taxpayer dollars," she's concerned about cutbacks to the school-building supply budget. The cuts may force parents and teachers to start buying more basic school supplies — such as pencils, calculators, hand sanitizers

and tissues — on their own.

The supply and wish lists sent to parents from schools continues to increase every year, said Rua, who voiced her concern at the public fiscal 2016 school budget hearing on April 28. She said while parents may be saving on their tax dollars, they're digging

into their own pockets to pay for many school supplies.

"Parents feel those out-of-pocket-expenses. They may not be showing up at the microphone during the public hearing, but they are talking to us. These are some real concerns that came my way," she said.

The budget increases school spending by 2.7 percent — to \$41,030,656 from \$39,952,523. Almost the entire increase will fund contractual salary hikes that total just over \$1 million. However, to help reduce the budget increase, the positions for a bus driver and a special education hearing-impaired teacher will be eliminated.

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Raising the banner



Agawam Little Leaguers lead the short parade from Phelps School to Memorial Field on School Street during Opening Day ceremonies Saturday, May 2. More photos on page 20. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

CITY COUNCIL

Age cap for special police retained

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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The Agawam City Council has turned down a request from the mayor to seek special legislation that would have allowed special police officers in town to work through age 70.

After a long debate, councilors rejected the proposal, 7-4, over concerns about public safety and how the law would be perceived.

Agawam employs a part-time, auxiliary force known as the special police. They are fully sworn officers of the law with the same duties and powers as the full-time police force in town, but are only used when full-time officers are not available, typically for traffic control and other special assignments. They spend occasional time on regular patrol duty.

According to Massachusetts law, police officers of any kind are required

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Military canvas



Agawam High School senior Emily Percy stands with her father, Stephen John Percy III, a former Vietnam Marine who inspired her painting that they are standing behind at the high school's Spring Arts Festival on April 30. Included in the show were several student artists' portraits of veterans, many of whom are the students' relatives. "Ooh Rah" is a battle cry common in the U.S. Marine Corps. For more photos from the Arts Festival, pick up next week's Agawam Advertiser News. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MIKE LYDICK

TEAM ALEX

Snips, shirts benefit hit-and-run victim

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As high school student Alex Scafuri recovers from the hit-and-run accident that left him paralyzed, the Agawam community continues to support him and his family.

Last weekend, The Barber on Springfield Street held a cut-athon for Alex Scafuri, as barbers Tony Sprzynski, Dan Schneider and Gino Del Buono donated their time on Sunday, which is ordinarily their day off. Members of the Eternal Misfits Motorcycle Club, of Springfield, helped run the event. Sprzynski, the owner, said the shop will continue to take donations for the "#TeamAlex" effort during regular business hours through May 31, when a benefit event for Alex Scafuri is planned.

Outside the barbershop, members of Scafuri's family sold #TeamAlex T-shirts and bracelets, tak-



Tony Sprzynski cuts the hair of Feeding Hills resident Noah Beavis, 7, during a benefit cut-athon May 3 at The Barber on Springfield Street. The fundraiser was to benefit Alex Scafuri, the Agawam teen who was paralyzed by a hit-and-run accident in March. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

ing in \$245 for the day, to add to the more than \$5,000 raised since they began selling the items. The bracelets, in particular, have been a popular way to support Alex, his

grandmother Kristina Hurley said. Family members delivering the bracelets couldn't keep up with the demand, and they are now

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Relay for Life next weekend has new location, activities

By Mike Lydick
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Two years ago, Carla Chase's husband Mark lost his battle with cancer. She still thinks about him every day. "Not a day that goes by that I don't think about Mark and his incredible fight against this horrible disease. His determination and attitude inspired all of us," said the Agawam resident who will honor her late husband by walking at the American Cancer Society's 2015 Relay for Life of Agawam.

More than 500 participants and more than 40 teams — friends, families, and co-workers — will converge on Agawam's School Street Park next week for Agawam's fourth Relay. Since 2012 the Relay has raised more than \$250,000. The goal for this year is \$85,000.

Activities begin at 5 p.m. Friday, May 15, with a reception and dinner for cancer survivors and caregivers. Opening ceremonies start at 6 p.m. with a brief address by Janine Iacolo, an Agawam resident who chairs the Relay's leadership team. Ryan Walsh, a news personality with WWLP-TV 22 News, will emcee opening events.

'Exciting' new location

Iacolo said she is "excited" about the new venue where Relay participants will celebrate with cancer survivors and fight back against cancer.

"School Street Park is a great opportunity to expand our popular Relay, even though it won't look like the high school where it's been held for the past three years," she said. The Relay moved because of construction work at the high school track.

Cancer survivors and caregivers will take the first lap around the park's ball field carrying the Relay banner. Marching in opposite directions during the ceremonial "Survivor's Lap," they will meet in an emotional embrace midway. Marchers will



Janine Iacolo, center, leadership team chair for the Relay for Life of Agawam, meets with Sue Kozlik, left, a member of the leadership team, and Melinda Thomas of the American Cancer Society, to look over Agawam's School Street Park, the site of the 2015 Relay. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MIKE LYDICK

be cheered on by other Relay participants and sprayed with non-toxic purple "bubble showers" at various points.

For the next 18 hours — until noon on Saturday — teams will walk and camp out at the park. At least one person from each team will walk throughout the night and into the morning to symbolize that cancer never sleeps.

Many teams will use their creativity to decorate their camp sites and hold fundraisers based on the Relay's theme of "Building Hope." Money raised by teams before, during, and after the Relay will fund services for persons diagnosed with cancer and fund research for finding a cure for cancer.

"We need to find cures, so no one, including their families and friends, will ever endure the heartbreak of cancer," said Chase, co-captain of Team Clark. The team,

composed of staff from Clark Elementary School, where Chase is a library media assistant — has been associated with the Relay since 2012.

New activities planned

Iacolo said the Relay's leadership team has been organizing the Relay since September. Among the new activities planned for this year's Relay: a group painting activity; a dance party; glow-in-the-dark kickball; a quarter auction; a scavenger hunt; an ice cream social; and themed laps every half hour.

Paul Sawyer, an Agawam native and elementary music teacher at Robinson Park and Phelps schools, will put his musical skills to work as the Relay's new DJ. He said he has some "fun things" planned to make it a "memorable" night.

"I'm honored to serve my community

and provide entertainment for such a worthy cause," he added. "Kids who've been my students and who are at the Relay will enjoy seeing me."

One of the Relay's most poignant moments will occur after sundown when participants honor cancer survivors and remember those lost to the disease with a luminaria ceremony. All the lights will be turned off and the words "hope," "courage" and "cure" will be illuminated in one area of the park. Participants will then silently circle the field, which will be lined with glowing white luminaria paper bags that bear the name of a person who has battled cancer.

Test-drive fundraiser

Also on Friday, Sarat Ford Lincoln will hold test drives of 2015 Lincolns from 3 p.m. to midnight to raise money for the Relay. The Agawam dealership will run this fundraiser at the Corey Street entrance to the park, near the new pavilion. It plans to have approximately 20 different Lincolns available for test drives, though no cars will be sold that evening. Anyone, not just Relay participants, can test drive a car at this event.

For every test drive taken at the Relay, Lincoln — through its Driven to Give program for charitable organizations — will donate \$20 to the Relay. Jeff Sarat, the dealership's general manager, said his goal is to raise \$8,000 with 400 test drives. Last year, the test drives raised nearly \$6,000 for the Relay.

Iacolo has been driving a silver 2015 Lincoln MKZ sedan loaned to her by the dealership to help promote the Relay and the test drives. The car is wrapped in customized vinyl lettering with Relay and Driven to Give logos.

To register a team or volunteer at the Relay, visit www.relayforlife.org/agawam or search for Relay for Life of Agawam at Facebook.com.

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OUR VIEW

Thank a nurse, today

If you've ever had to go to the hospital, thank a nurse.
If you've ever been to a doctor's office, thank a nurse.

If you or anyone you love was born in a maternity ward — thank your mother (especially this weekend), but then go thank a nurse.

Doctors get the fancy titles, the big paychecks and the acclaim. And rightly so — we talk of the “miracle” of modern medicine, but it takes a lot of long hours training, finely honed skills and dedication to service for M.D.s to work those wonders in surgery. But there's more to medicine than fixing the broken parts, and that's where the nurses come in.

It's the nurses who hold your hand before, during and after. It's the nurses who do the prep work, who clean the body, draw the blood, set up and attach the equipment. It's the nurses who do all the seemingly mundane, thankless jobs that make those miracles possible.

Yesterday, May 6, was National Nurses Day, and the celebration of these health care professionals continues with National Nurses Week through Tuesday, May 12, Florence Nightingale's birthday.

This is a time to celebrate the nurses in the emergency room who make split-second decisions that can change a person's fate. It's time to celebrate the school nurse who cares for every skinned knee that happens at recess and stays calm through a child's allergic reaction.

It's the time to recognize the nurses who work in research and manage patient care: those who are behind the scenes and often forgotten. It's the time to thank every nurse who cared for a sick family member and held their hand to let them know they'd be OK, and to remember every nurse who offered a hug and who shared tears when it was time to say goodbye to a loved one.

Do you remember the name of every nurse who has touched your life?

They may not do their jobs for the recognition, but they deserve it this week, this month and every day.

If you have a nurse in your family, call him or her on Sunday after you've spoken with mom. Say thanks.

If you ever had to undergo surgery, or welcomed a baby into the world at a hospital, or stood by parents or siblings as they were treated for a serious disease or condition, write a letter to the hospital. Say thanks to the nurses. Get the kids involved — have them draw a picture or write their own thoughts. You can even say thanks to the doctors, too — we're sure the nurses won't mind sharing a bit of the recognition. They're always glad to help.

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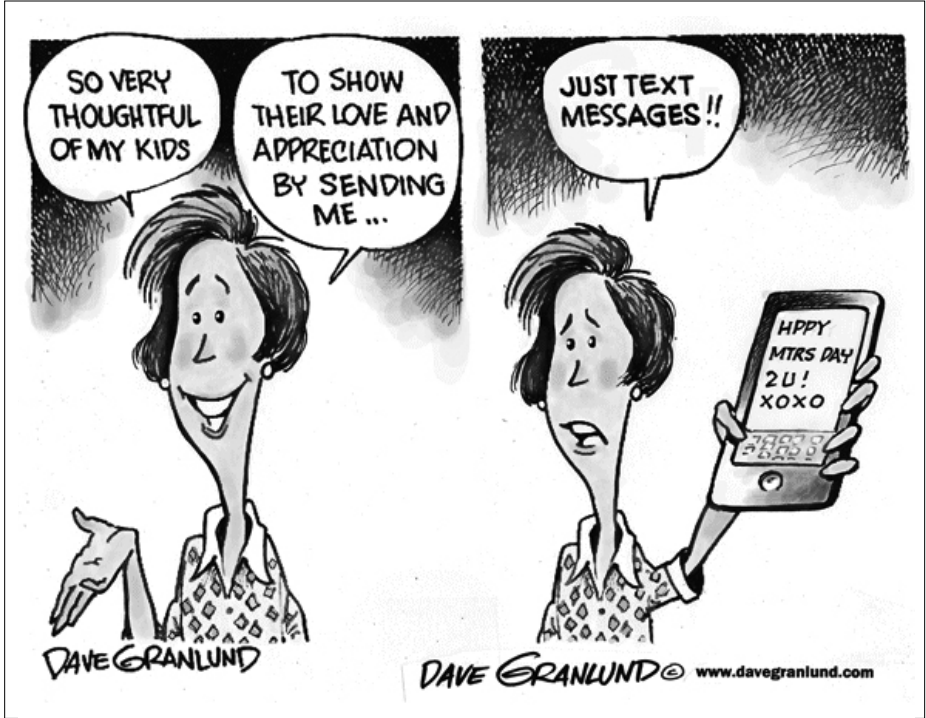
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JAY SPEAKS

Remembering my Boston Marathon

There has been a deluge of coverage about the Boston Marathon the past three years and I have followed it closely. The tragedies, horrors and some successes are in the daily news. I hardly think of the Marathon as having anything to do with me until last week.

Last week I went to a political fundraiser for a colleague. As I made the rounds and was introduced, one fellow looked me over and said, “Wellesley! I rescued you and your pals during the Boston Marathon.” I gawked at him for a few seconds, and then it all came back.

During high school track, I was a speedy runner and did all right in short races, but did not have enough stamina for the long races. The best I could do was cross-country, and that was only three-plus miles.

My stamina picked up somewhat in the military, but was soon lost in college. After school, I took a job that brought me to the

Boston area. Some friends and I searched for an apartment and we settled on one in Back Bay Boston.

We rented a fourth floor walk-up. There was a living area with a refrigerator, camp stove, a couple of couches, chairs and a lamp or two. A couple of bedrooms with bunk beds and a bathroom.

There was no sink in the living room, so we had to wash any dishes or whatever in the tub of the bathroom. We were young, so we put up with it.

Like many of our contemporaries, we were out at the clubs most nights. One of those nights was the night before the Boston Marathon. The usual drill was to watch the Marathon for a while near Kenmore Square, then drift toward Fenway Park for a Red Sox game, stopping off to get some junk food and a beer on the way. This time it ended differently.

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Jay Berger

TABLE FOR TWO

Enchiladas

While revising my cookbook, I added a recipe that called for egg roll wrappers. Since the package contains about 20 wrappers, I felt it necessary to add more recipes using the wrappers so that you would not find the remaining wrappers in the back of the fridge months after they expired. By the way, if you cut the wrappers into four squares, you will have four won ton wrappers.

Although I have only used chicken in this recipe, you may want to try substituting six ounces of rare, finely diced, deli roast beef. Leftover meatloaf or meatballs would also work well.

Chili and taco seasoning mixes are sold in packets and I like to place them in small, clean, dry recycled jelly jars for use a teaspoon or tablespoon at a time. If sodium is an issue, both the seasoning packets and the condensed soup are available in low sodium.

When garnishing the enchiladas you may omit one of the plum tomatoes and add 1/4 to 1/3 C. of chopped red bell pepper. A small amount of yellow corn is a nice addition to the garnish. If you choose corn from the can, be sure it is well drained. If you choose frozen corn, be sure it is thawed completely.

I have used a 9-inch by 9-inch or 11-inch by 7-inch pan in place of the 6-inch by 10-inch pan. Just be sure the enchiladas fit in the pan.

Enchiladas

2 oz. cream cheese
1/2 can (about 1/2 C.) condensed cream of chicken soup

1/4 C. milk
2 tsp. chili or taco seasoning mix
6 oz. diced, cooked chicken
4 egg roll wrappers
1/3 C. shredded cheddar cheese
2 plum tomatoes, diced
1/4 C. chopped scallions

In a medium bowl, microwave cream cheese on high for 20 seconds. Stir in soup. Add milk and chili seasoning and

mix well. In another medium bowl, combine chicken and 1/3 C. of soup mixture. Divide chicken mixture into four portions and spoon each portion in the middle, of each egg roll wrapper. Roll each wrapper squeezing the chicken mixture so it spreads to both ends of each roll, forming a log. Place the enchiladas in a 6-inch by 10-inch baking dish that has been sprayed with nonstick cooking spray. Pour the remaining soup

mixture over the enchiladas making sure to cover all of the wrappers. Sprinkle with cheese and cover tightly with aluminum foil. Bake in a 350-degree oven for about 35 minutes or until enchiladas are bubbling hot. In a small bowl, combine diced tomatoes and scallions and spoon evenly over enchiladas. Serve immediately. Yield: 2 servings.

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Are You Old News?

Each week the Agawam Advertiser News digs into its submitted photo archives and selects a people photo to publish. We need your help to help identify those pictured. Email your answers by Monday at noon to aan@turley.com. Please include your first and last name.

Last week's photo: Correctly identifying Margo Poulin were Fran Leclerc, Al and Beverly Baggetta, Reidar and Geraldine Schilling-Nordal, Bill Sapelli, Alexis Ferioli



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Somehow or other, we got mixed up with a gang that was going to run in the Marathon. One of our people was excited: "We should run the Marathon!" I tried to calm him: "We haven't run any races to get a registration." He responded, "We can run in the back of the back. It's allowed. You just do not get a number. It'll be fun."

I thought it would be more fun to watch the Marathon and go to the ball game. But as time wore on, I was slowly convinced that yes, it was incumbent of all red-blooded American youth living in fourth floor walk-ups to run in the Boston Marathon.

We went back to our apartment, changed into shorts and sneakers, and set out for the starting positions. The signs pointed to parking areas near Framingham. We slept in the car, until we heard buses coming to take people to the race.

I kept urging my gang to reconsider and drive back to Boston. "Oh, Jay, you'll love the race and we'll hitch a ride back to get our car when it's over." Once the registered runners were sent off, it became our turn along with hundreds of others. Oh, well!

Fortunately, it was a pleasant day, not too hot or too cold. We plodded along at a slow pace. One mile went by, two, three,

suddenly it wasn't pleasant any longer. I saw a sign that said Wellesley. To myself, I said, "Maybe I can get a leg strain and stop in Wellesley. I have friends there and they'll get me out." My cohorts must have been tuned to my thinking and said, "We'll go through Wellesley and take a break."

In the center of Wellesley there was a large crowd of spectators cheering along the runners, offering water, juices and snacks. Larry, who was in my gang, spotted his cousin in the crowd. His cousin, Paul, approached us and in a questioning voice asked, "Wouldn't you guys like to go to the Red Sox game?" He must have noticed how beat-up we looked.

It didn't take but 5 seconds to sell us on the idea. But after all, we did run in the Boston Marathon!

So it was Paul who rescued us and it was Paul who I met at the fundraiser. He remembered how he rescued us and got us to the Red Sox game and we even saw some of the "real" Marathon.

Jay Berger is retired from a job in publishing and lives in Agawam with his wife Kitty. They have three children and six grandchildren.

TVAA to host mixed media artist

The Tobacco Valley Artists Association will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St. TVAA's featured artist is Donna Jean Shaw of Enfield, Conn., who will demonstrate the art of creating mixed media using paper clay and acrylic paint.

Shaw has worked professionally in the commercial graphic arts and printing industry for 30 years and has been a freelance artist most of her life. Her current art is not limited to just one medium. She enjoys the effects of watercolor and the results of acrylics.

Shaw's work has been displayed in many

exhibitions and she has received numerous awards throughout Connecticut and Massachusetts.

She is currently a member of the Academic Artist Association, Connecticut Women Artists, Connecticut Academy of Fine Arts, Tobacco Valley Artist Association, Women's Artist Collective, Windsor Palette and Brush, and Artist at the Crossroads.

TVAA is comprised of 170 member artists throughout Connecticut and Massachusetts. Meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month and the public is welcome.

Human trafficking topic of free lecture

St. David's Church, 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, will host a public lecture Wednesday, May 20, at 7 p.m. Guest speaker Dr. Carrie Baker, well known author and associate professor in the study of women and gender at Smith College, will deliver the lecture, titled "Human Trafficking: A Basic Introduction to the Issue."

Admission is free. Refreshments will be served.

ICC scholarship banquet in June

The Italian Cultural Center, 56 Margaret St., Springfield, will host its annual Scholarship Banquet Monday, June 15, at 6 p.m. at St. Anne Country Club, 781 Shoemaker Lane, Feeding Hills. The event is open to members and non-members. Reservations are required.

The cost is \$35 per person. For reservations, call Sandi Vella at 413-736-8502. Deadline is June 5.

All invited to 'Intro to iPads and iPhones'

The Agawam Senior Center will host a free seminar, "Introduction to iPads and iPhones," Monday, May 18, at 1 p.m. This 45-minute seminar is open to the public and iPads will be available for attendees to use.

Instruction will include how to monitor health, how to access free exercise classes online, free phone and video calls, and free email and texting. Also included in the presentation will

be how to get free digital pictures and videos, free coupons and how to shop online, how to watch free TV, read the news, understand Facebook, free banking, play free games with friends and more.

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Programs are free and open to the public, but space is limited and reservations are required. To enroll, call 413.567.7800 or e-mail learning@glenmeadow.org.

Visit glenmeadow.org/learning.



Lioness to host Mohegan Sun trip

The Agawam Lioness Club will host a trip to Mohegan Sun on Sunday, May 31. Anyone interested in going is asked to be at the Agawam High School parking lot at noon. The bus will depart at 12:30 p.m., or sooner if everyone is present. The bus will arrive back at AHS at 8:15 p.m. The cost is \$30 per person, which includes bus driver's tip, a \$15 food voucher and a \$15 free bet voucher. Proceeds from this trip will be used for the various charities the Agawam Lioness Club supports. The public is invited. Early reservations are encouraged, as seats are limited. For reservations, call Pat at 413-786-1782 or Rose at 413-786-5134.

Donations, volunteers needed for book sale

The Friends of the Agawam Public Library are preparing for the annual used book sale. Donations of hardcover and paperback books, DVDs and CDs may be dropped off at the library during regular hours. This year, the sale will be held on Friday, May 15, from 2 to 5 p.m., and Saturday, May 16, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the community room at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. There is a \$3 preview charge on Friday. Members of the Friends of the Agawam Library will be admitted free on Friday. Hardcover books, both fiction and non-fiction, will be sold for \$1 each and paperback books are 50 cents each. In addition to CDs and DVDs, audio books will be available for purchase. All proceeds will go to sup-

port programs at the library. Volunteers are needed to help with setup on Thursday, May 14, from 1 to 5 p.m.; Friday, May 15, from 2 to 5 p.m.; and Saturday, May 16, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. To volunteer for any those times, contact Kathy Arnold at 413-786-1285. The Friends of the Agawam Public Library is a non-profit, 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization whose mission is to support the town library by providing fundraisers, workshops and educational activities, and volunteer services. For more information, write to Friends of the Agawam Public Library, P.O. Box 478, Feeding Hills, MA 01030-0478. The Friends group is not connected to any local, state or federal government agency.

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ed, and one teacher at Clark Elementary School will not be replaced. Eliminating these positions will help offset the need to pay for three full-time kindergarten teachers whose salaries had been paid through a grant that is ending. A small portion of budget increase — just over \$17,000 — is for higher costs for technology, transportation, and out-of-district tuition for non-special education students. Rua's concerns focused on the more than \$132,000 in cuts to building-based budgets, district-wide expenses and special education supplies. "These cuts may be small things, little things, but they add up," commented Rua. She added that while she wanted to go on record with her concerns, Rua said she still supports the overall budget. These reductions brought the actual proposed budget increase to \$1,078,133 instead of an increase of \$1,210,652. Superintendent William Sapelli said that the past several budgets had funded increases to purchase updated textbooks and new laptops for students. The fiscal 2016 budget, he said, presented a "good opportunity" to be leaner, especially because of upcoming contract negotiations that will impact next year's budget.

Biting the budget bullet

"This was a chance to bite the bullet, catch up, and give everybody a break," said Sapelli. "We never have enough, but we can't keep going back to the well. We're doing what we can." Anthony Bonavita, who chairs the committee's budget and finance subcommittee, which worked with Sapelli to develop the budget, viewed the cuts as being "fiscally responsible" to students and taxpayers. "We have a responsibility to provide the best education we can to our students. Building a budget is a difficult balance — you have to make choices," he said in response to Rua's concerns. Bonavita said the superintendent and



Agawam School Superintendent William Sapelli, center, presents an overview of the school budget during a public hearing on April 28. He's flanked by Assistant Superintendent Allison LeClair and School Business Administrator Robert Clickstein.

the budget committee take a "fresh look" at budget needs every year: "The superintendent and his staff did an excellent job — this is a great budget for this particular year. Next year may be more difficult." Sapelli said one of the significant challenges in preparing the fiscal 2016 budget was how to maintain a high level of service, especially with the elimination or reduction of several state grants. He said grants were reduced or eliminated because of the budget deficit that Gov. Charlie Baker inherited when he took office in January. City councilor 'impressed' The City Council's school budget subcommittee chair, Paul Cavallo, was the only resident who showed up to speak at the budget hearing. He said he was "thoroughly

impressed" by the cooperative work done by the school committee, the superintendent, department heads and school principals in developing the budget. He added that what impressed him the most was "how clearly" Sapelli presented the budget. "Superintendent Sapelli anticipated some of the questions that might be asked," Cavallo said. "With his experience in dealing with the other side of town — the city councilors — he knows they're going to want answers about why a lot of money is being spent on the school side." Cavallo added that city councilors on the subcommittee were also impressed that Sapelli has been addressing their concerns about the number of teachers who have been hired through grant programs during the past several years. Only two teachers



School Committee member Wendy Rua speaks out at a public hearing about the school budget.

currently are paid by grants. "He wants to avoid this issue because it's a nightmare," said Cavallo. "You wind up adding more money — \$40,000, \$50,000 for each teacher — and you come back and now you don't have a level-service budget anymore." Cavallo added that he believes that there should be "no problems" for the school budget when it's incorporated into the town's budget and presented to the City Council. The new fiscal year begins July 1.

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Public Safety

POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 354 calls for service from April 28 to May 4. The department made 13 arrests. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

Thursday, April 30

Bradley M. Kiddy, 19, of 107 Fox Farm Road, Feeding Hills, was arrested on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon and disorderly conduct.

A juvenile from Feeding Hills was arrested on charges of breaking and entering for misdemeanor and resisting arrest.

A juvenile from Feeding Hills was arrested on charges of breaking and entering for misdemeanor, possessing burglarious instrument, and resisting arrest.

A juvenile from Chicopee was arrested on charges of breaking and entering for misdemeanor and resisting arrest.

Friday, May 1

Caleb N. Fitzgerald, 23, of 35 Field St., West Springfield, was arrested on a default warrant for failure to appear.

Richard Robinson, 55, of 23 Suffield St., Apt. 11, Agawam, was arrested on four default warrants for failure to appear.

Saturday, May 2

Luis G. Alvarez, 22, of 22 Paul Revere Drive, Feed-

ing Hills, was arrested on charges of operating under the influence of liquor, marked lanes violation, passing violation, following too close, negligent operation of motor vehicle, leaving firearm in vehicle, and intoxicated licensee carrying a firearm.

Clifford Baulkman, 53, of 34 River Road, Agawam, was arrested on charges of assault and battery and domestic strangulation.

Brian R. St. Jean, 33, of 98 Karen Lynn Circle, Agawam, was arrested on charges of operating under the influence of liquor second offense, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, marked lanes violation, resisting arrest, wanton destruction of property over \$250, operating under the influence of drugs, and possessing an open container of alcohol in motor vehicle.

Sunday, May 3

Rocco Arzola, 28, of 26 Stanley St., Springfield, was arrested on charges of operating a motor vehicle with license revoked as HTO and failure to stop/yield.

Elba Miranda, 41, of 23 Suffield St., Apt. 15, Agawam, was arrested on charges of shoplifting by asportation and disorderly conduct.

Nicholas Savard, 19, of 107 Kensington Ave., Apt. 3L, Springfield, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Monday, May 4

Armand J. Lemieux II, 45, of 21 Globe St., West Springfield, was arrested on a charge of domestic assault and battery.

FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 84 EMS calls and the following emergency response calls for April 28 to May 4.

On April 28 at 1:22 p.m., the department responded to South Westfield Street for alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional.

On April 28 at 2:45 p.m., the department responded to Southwick Street for authorized controlled burning.

On April 28 at 2:58 p.m., the department responded to South Street for grass fire.

On April 28 at 3:08 p.m., the department responded to Fernwood Drive for citizen complaint.

On April 28 at 4:50 p.m., the department responded to Cooper Street for lockout.

On April 29 at 5:00 a.m., the department responded to South West Street for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

On April 29 at 12:35 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for false alarm or false call, other.

On April 29 at 9:11 p.m., the department responded to Chapin Street for good intent call, other.

On April 30 at 5:25 p.m., the department responded to Route 5 South for citizen complaint.

On April 30 at 5:28 p.m., the department responded to Maynard Street for public service.

On April 30 at 7:34 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

On May 1 at 3:44 p.m., the department responded to Route 57 East for motor vehicle accident with no injuries.

On May 1 at 7:05 p.m., the department responded to Shoemaker Lane for unauthorized burning.

On May 1 at 7:49 p.m., the department responded to Virginia Street for authorized controlled burning.

On May 2 at 5:30 p.m. the department responded to Main Street for lockout.

On May 2 at 6:37 p.m., the department responded to Barry Street for motor vehicle accident with no injuries.

On May 2 at 11:11 p.m., the department responded to Campbell Drive for building fire.

On May 3 at 2:18 a.m., the department responded to Moore Street for good intent call, other.

On May 3 at 12:03 p.m., the department responded to Moore Street for natural vegetation fire, other.

On May 3 at 1:43 p.m., the department responded to Fernwood Drive for public service.

On May 4 at 11:49 a.m., the department responded to Kanawha Avenue for citizen complaint.

On May 4 at 12:55 p.m., the department responded to South End Bridge Circle for smoke scare, odor of smoke.

On May 4 at 1:56 p.m., the department responded to Strawberry Hill Road for carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO.



Richard Morassi, a retired Agawam English teacher, starts up the book discussion last Thursday night at the Agawam Public Library. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

Book discussion draws big crowd

By Gregory A. Scibelli
gscibelli@turley.com

Last Thursday night, a brief experiment turned into a huge success as more than 35 residents participated Richard Morassi's vision of a book "symposium" — larger than a traditional book group — in town.

Morassi introduced the story chosen for the first forum, "The Invention of Wings," in the large conference room at the Agawam Public Library. The book, written by Sue Monk Kidd, examines slavery and abolition in telling the story of a family in 1803 Charleston, S.C.

Despite the weighty themes of the book, there was no "back-and-forth" between individuals at the April 30 symposium. Instead, following the rules of the group, each person who read the book was asked to speak for about two to five minutes and shares opinions or thoughts on the book. Each person who spoke also gave the book a rating from one to five, five being the best.

The book received several good reviews, though a few participants didn't care for some of the violent portrayals in the story.

No one was forced to speak at the forum.

"We want to create a spirit of tolerance with this group," said Morassi. "We want to be open to other people's opinions, other people's interpretation of the book and the characters. There is not legislative or political agenda."

Though there was no legislative agenda, two members of the town of Agawam's legislative body, the City Council, participated in the book forum and helped promote it through town.

Councilor Robert Rossi said he was approached by Morassi about the idea. The two are longtime friends.

"This is something done in a lot of retirement communities with people who like to read," said Rossi. "When [Morassi] brought the idea to me, I actually thought it would work if we could get a decent turnout."

While it is not the type of book he normally reads, Rossi admitted he enjoyed the book and the numerous themes it addressed. He wishes Morassi success in making the book group a regular occurrence at the library.

The format has also been successful with some students.

Morassi is a former English teacher. He taught with Agawam residents Rosemary Stratton and Joanne Brown.

Brown, who took part in book group last week, said a book symposium was held in the high school. She said students were chosen from different backgrounds and interest areas and held a similar discussion.

"It was a huge success with the kids," said Brown. "It worked out great. When Rich came to me proposing it for the library, I thought it was definitely something we should try out."

The group shared a lot of different opinions and perspectives.

While some just came to listen, others, like Anne Smith, said she enjoyed the story, the symbolism, and the historic perspectives it offered.

The book group has the support of the Friends of the Agawam Public Library and the Agawam Cultural Council. Morassi has not said when a new book would be chosen for a future forum.

Authors sought for book-signing event June 22

The Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St., is looking for authors to participate in its fourth annual READLocal Book Signing event to be held Monday, June 22, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. This will be the kickoff event to the library's 11th Adult Summer Reading Program. This year's theme is "Escape the

Ordinary."

The event will be held in the community room and each author will have their own table on which to set up a display, meet and greet readers and sell books.

Interested authors must have published a book for adults and not have previously

participated in an author event at the Agawam library. Book summaries and contact information may be emailed to Wendy McAnanama at wmcananama@agawam-library.org by Friday, May 15. Space is limited.

K of C to hold blood drive

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Mercy Hospital blood drive Tuesday, May 26, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 11-3 Springfield St., Feeding Hills.



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Business

Team from Salon 322 saddles up to raise money for MS

Salon 322 of Agawam is doing more than just raising money for multiple sclerosis. Stylists are also putting their feet to the pedals in the Bike MS: Praxair Ride in Windsor, Conn. Salon 322 is marking the fourth year as a team in the Connecticut Chapter MS ride on Sunday, June 7. The local team is hoping to raise \$10,000 this year. Since 2012, it's raised \$17,400 for MS.

On Saturday, May 16, the business will host a community fundraiser from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 1106 Springfield St. The event includes blow-dry styles, curls, makeup ap-

plication, spray tans, raffles, food (provided by Bruno's Pizza), adult beverages and face painting.

Salon 322 owner Maria Summers became involved with the Connecticut Chapter MS ride when her friend's sister became a client of hers. Tanya Pugliano, a mother of two, was diagnosed with MS 16 years ago.

"Tanya has been an inspiration to me since the day I met her," Summers said. "She is a wonderful mother who does not let this disease stop her from doing anything. She is determined and will not quit at anything.

Tanya is such a joy to be around and we wanted to do our part to help find a cure for MS."

According to the National MS Society, MS affects more than 2.5 million people.

Shortly after Summers met Pugliano, the Scissor Me Timbers fundraising team was born. Each year the team has an average of 50 riders who take part in the race. They bike anywhere from two to 100 miles.

The Scissor Me Timbers team is the Connecticut Chapter of the MS Society's "face of the race." The team will be on cover

of the Connecticut Chapter's May edition magazine along with its story and journey with Pugliano.

"Everyone at the Connecticut Chapter of the MS Society has done so much to include us and make our team feel so important," said Summers.

Local businesses that have also teamed up for the May 16 event include LoveMich Collection, Fallons Favorites, M. Mills Co. and Gina of Bella Wreaths and Bottles.

Legals

AGAWAM ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT April 14, 2015

Notice is hereby given that the Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at the Agawam Public Library Community Room, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA on **Tuesday, May 26 at 7PM** for all parties interested in the appeal NWST, LLC which is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-44(I) which would allow for the construction of a drive-through service window at the premises identified as 14 North Westfield Street.

Doreen Prouty Chairperson
Agawam Board of Appeals
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Doreen Prouty Chairperson
Agawam Board of Appeals
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AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEGAL AD

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on **Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 6:20 PM** at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, Mass. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability of the Agawam DPW for herbicide spraying at vari-

ous locations.

By Order of **Henry A. Kozloski**, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission

5/7/15

AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEGAL AD

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on **Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 6:00 PM** at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, Mass. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability of Department of Conservation and Recreation for property located in Robinson Park (electric line repair).

By Order of **Henry A. Kozloski**, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission

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AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEGAL AD

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on **Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 6:10 PM** at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, Mass. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability of Ruhland for property located at 27 Mark Drive.

By Order of **Henry A. Kozloski**, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission

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Invitation to Bid

The Town of Agawam, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from General Contractors for the Sports Fields, Locker Room and Concession for the Agawam High School in Agawam, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by Milone and MacBroom, Inc. dated May 13, 2015.

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General Bids will be received **June 3rd by 2pm** at which time they will be publicly opened. Filed Sub-bids will be received **May 27th by 2:00 pm** at which time they will be publicly opened.

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Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up on May 13, 2015 at www.biddocsonline.com (may be viewed electronically and hardcopy requested) or at Nashoba Blue, Inc. at 433 Main Street, Hudson, MA 01749 (978-568-1167).

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Docket No. HD15P0761EA
Estate of: Stella Starzyk
Date of Death: 01/21/2015
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by: **Nancy J Barreto** of Feeding Hills MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

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You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on 05/29/2015.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. **Anne M Geoffrion**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 01, 2015

Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate

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Emmanuel Litvak Also Known As: Emmanuel Litvak Date of Death: April 01, 2015 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

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Leon E. Litvak of Suffield CT, has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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Last trip to Wonderland

The senior class of Agawam High School gathered on Friday, May 1, for an “Alice in Wonderland” themed prom at the Log Cabin in Holyoke. The evening was filled with dining, dancing and visits by Mayor Richard Cohen and the “Queen of Hearts.”

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BY WILLIAM PEAD



The candidates for King and Queen, Prince and Princess are introduced.



The Prince and Princess and Queen and King of the Prom pose at the throne.



Animated prom-goers have fun on the dance floor.



Spirits were not the only thing elevated at the Agawam Prom.



The Ladies of the Prom hold court with the “Queen of Hearts.”



Top hats were appropriate headgear for these prom-goers.



Agawam Mayor Richard Cohen and School Superintendent William Sapelli join the “Queen of Hearts” at the prom.

In the Classroom

Parents, educators invited to Common Core public forum

Agawam Parents for Children First is inviting anyone concerned with the future of both public and private education to attend an informational forum on Common Core, to be held Monday, May 18, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St.

Attendees will hear about how the new textbooks, curriculum standards, PARCC tests, and data gathering will affect their child's and grandchild's education.

According to the group, Common Core standards were developed by test makers without the input of teachers, parents, state legislators or local school committees. It was adopted by governors to create a "workforce" curriculum. Some states are now deciding to opt out.

Panelists from both pro and con have been invited. Pioneer Institute's Jamie Gass and Professor Sandra Stosky will present their findings. State officials from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education have been invited to present as well. Agawam's superintendent has been invited. An open mike question-and-answer period will follow speakers.

The Pioneer Institute is a nonpartisan think tank that deals with policy issues, one of which is school reform. Gass is Pioneer Institute's director of the Center for School Reform. He has more than two decades of experience in public administration and education reform at the state and municipal levels. Previously, he worked at the Massachusetts Office of Educational Quality and Accountability as senior policy analyst-technical writer, and in the state budget office.

Stotsky is professor of education reform emerita at the University of Arkansas and the 21st Century Chair in Teacher Quality. She served on Common Core's Validation Committee and on the National Mathematics Advisory Panel. She was senior associate commissioner in the Massachusetts Department of Education from 1999 to 2003 and served on the Massachusetts Board of Elementary and Secondary Education from 2006 to 2010.

For more information, search for Agawam Parents for Children First on Facebook.com.

SCHOOL AGENDA

Regular School Committee Meeting

Roberta G. Doering School
68 Main St.
Tuesday, May 12 – 7 p.m.

1. Call to order
2. Moment of silence
3. Roll call of attendance
4. Regular meeting – 7 p.m.
5. Citizen's Speak Time
6. Highlights on Education: Coordinated Family & Community Engagement Grant update – R. Fernandes & M. Connery
7. Superintendent's Notes
8. Student Advisory Committee representative update
9. Unfinished business:
 - a. SCR-15-09, Acceptance of laser jet printers donated by Six Flags New England

- b. SCR-15-10, Approval to establish the AHS color guard as an extracurricular activity with advisor(s)
10. Business meeting:
 - a. Routine Matters
 - 1) Approval of minutes
 - 2) Calendar/Correspondence
 - b. Warrants/Transfers
 - c. Reports:
 - 1). Scheduled Reports:
 - Curriculum Writing/Delivery (paper report)
 - 2). Subcommittee updates
 11. New Business:
 - a. SCR-15-11, Approval of continued participation in the School Choice Program
 12. Any other items that may legally come before the committee
 13. Adjournment

Junior High honor roll

Agawam Junior High School recently announced its honor roll for the third term of 2014-15.

Grade 8: Ashley Adams, Kalea Alvarez, Natalie Andrews, Abdullah Aydah, Mariangelie Beaudry, Jason Beaver, Sydney Biza, Veronica Bobskill, Juliet Burbank, Jade Canney, Madison Carra, Nicholas Charest, Bradley Clarke, Madison Cofer, Lilivette Colon, Eyan Corridan, Yasuo Council, Amy Crawford, Cameron Croteau, Alanna D'Angelis, Anan Daniels, Derek Davis, Tommaso DeCaro, Taylor DeGeorge, Mia DePalma, Olivia DePergola, Rachel Dialessi, Daniel Donahue, Joseph Dowd, Patrick Drake, Corey Duquette, Jared Durocher, Erin Dustin, Rawan Ebrahim, Sarah Ehresman, Parker Florian, Mariah Giberson-Acevedo, Kathryn Glaessner, Timothy Goudreau, Jenna Grasso, Meghan Haines, Stephen Hall, Sangmyoung Han, Kyle Henry, Kayla Herlihy, Veranika Hrytskevich, Alexandra Humphries, Grayson Illouz, Alina Iovenco, Veniamin Iovenco, Peter Jang, Jolene Jendrysik, Ernesto Jimenez, Miranda Kamukala, Samantha Kelley, Amanda Kiley, Matthew King, Geoffrey Klafeta, Oleksandra Kobylianska, Ariana Korcz, Adam Krafcik, Diana Kulmizev, Autumn La Branche, Caroline LaBonte, Trysten Lajoie, Samantha Landry, Jakob Lanski, Madelyn Lapierre, Dante Lee, Cameron Lindsey, Justin Lingenberg, Jorge Maisonet-Perez, Scott Malecki, Kaily Mayo, Haily Merschuk, Benjamin Mielnikowski, Morgan Miller, Vanni Morello, Jacob Mullins, Camryn Nicora, Madison O'Connell, Emily Oliver, Samantha O'Meara, Caroline Ortiz, Honesty Osbourne, Cassidy Patterson, Gwendolyn Payne, Joseph Pellegrino, Jasmine Pszczola, Natalie Pullen, Kyle Reed, Mariana Reid, Noah Rivera, Katelyn Roberts, Nikayla Rogers, Felicity Rovatti, Jordan Rowe, Faith Roy, Sean Ryan, Justin Salva, Robert Schlosser, Lexie Sexton, Christina Shepardson, Kayla Shields, Samuel Silchuk, Isabella Silva, Brandon Smith, Casey Smith, Andrew Snow, Sara Sonsini, Hayley Sotolotto, Shelby Stathis, Sophia Strain, Andrew Sullivan, Justin Swistak, Avery Szulc, Alexandria Taylor, Lena Tedeschi, Amanda Thomas, Joseph Thornton, Noah Trude, Ashley Ugolini, John Wheat, Sydney Winters, Dominic Zampiceni, Gloria Zgherea.

Grade 7: Genesis Aguilar, Shkurte Ahmeti, Arianna Albano, Sydney Anderson, David Baranov, Imani Barbour, Emily Bazanchuk, Michael Beaudry, Madison Beaulieu,

Daniel Belozero, Brianna Benjamin, Cameron Benoit, Alana Black, Lauren Blanchard, Maxwell Blanton, Emily Bonfiglio, Elizabeth Bousquet, Gianna Boyle, Mackenzie Boyle, Allison Breton, Jason Breton, Sofia Bubuz, Nicholas Buonagurio, Deanna Burlachenko, Thomas Caracciolo, Jamie-Lyn Cavallon, Aidan Chan, Ruby Chenevert, Cassidy Clarke, Kiera Cooley, Emily Cote, Riley Coughlin, Olivia Courchesne, Megan Crawford, Robert D'Angelo, Emma Davilli, Madelyn Dickinson, Sydney Dietrich, Arianna Donovan-Isaacs, Mackenzie Douglas, Mitchell Drewnowski, Jack Dunn, Katherine Dustin, Madison Elias, Hailey Emmons, Erin Ewing, Emily Fallon, Riley Fanning, Maxwell Felix, Connor Feyre, Jaliyah Figueroa, Johnathon Filamonte, Tessa Fitzgerald, Matthew Flagg, Emily Fontaine, McKenzie Forfa, Jack Frogameni, Olivia Frogameni, Emma Gale, Patrick Gauthier, Sierra Gauthier, Nadia Ghareeb, Zao Gill, Emiy Gillis, Santino Giordano, Matthew Gorman, Jaylee Hiersche, Rhiannon Hodovanec, Andrea Hunt, Kaylish Ingham, Mariel Izoita, Dong Kang, Mia Kelley, Nastasia Kirik, Cole Klafeta, Dorina Kodreanu, Alexander Korniyenko, Anthony Krzykowski, Kristen Langevin, Eduard Lapsov, Ryan Laudato, Nickolas Lavrenchuk, Payton Lemke, Julia Les-carbeau, Matthew Long, Joseph Longo, Veronika Lukin, Evan Lyne, McKenzie Lyne, Godfrey Macadangdang, Ryan MacDonald, Abbey Majka, John Manale, Merna Mandour, Jessica Marino, Jeremy Martinez-Maldonado, Tate Mason, Nathan Mateus, Kirsten McDonnell, Carina Menovshchikova, Zachary Moccio, Connor Montagna, Sarafina Nardi, Eric Nesen, Emelie Oberheim, Alexandra Oldenburg, Jailene Ortiz, Suzanne Page, Prem Patel, Kaia Pfeffer, Samuel Polley, Ian Poulin, Geta Preniqi, Elshama Privedenyuk, Zachary Quick, Madeline Rahilly, Cassie Reed, Summer Reigles, Madison Rinker, Abigail Rodriguez, Jonathan Rolon, Mechayla' Rosa, Lucas Rosati, Shania Rossi, Anna Russo, Antonio Russo, Joseph Russo, Diana Rybnikov, Dzmity Ryhal, Abigail Sanchez, Michael Santore, Angelina Shayda, Jordan Shea, Dylan Sliech, Brady Spaulding, Esther Stepchuk, Jeian Stewart, Gabrielle Suffriti, Brooke Szafran, Amanda Szczepanek, Robert Taylor, Emma Thomson, Nicholas Thomson, Ethan Timms, Humberto Torres, James Typrowicz, Ryan Wargo, Mason Wesley, Zack Wieners, Amanda Woodford, MaryKate Wysocki, Gianna Yacovone, Eric Zheng.



From left, Daniel Blessington, Johnathan Jerusik, Christina Borgatti, Peter Vangel, and Joseph Roy show off their hybrid vehicle's compressed air engine, an energy efficient engine which charges the golf cart battery through the use of compressed air and solar technology. SUBMITTED PHOTO

STCC students create clean energy engine

Using their Springfield Technical Community College senior project as the platform to conduct serious research, Laser Electro-Optics Technology students Christina Borgatti of Agawam, Joseph Roy of Belchertown, Johnathan Jerusik of Chester and Daniel Blessington of Springfield have created a product which could reshape the way energy-efficient cars are charged.

The compressed air engine is the result of a yearlong process of research and development, with a working model now in place. The engine is powered by compressed nitrogen tanks, which blow air at high speed on to miniature electric generators, which look similar to fan blades, that turn a generator to provide a direct current to charge a vehicle battery more cleanly.

In order to test the engine, the team wanted to use a full-scale vehicle. Recognizing the benefit to the project, the STCC facilities department donated a golf cart for the students to use. In addition to the compressed air engine, the team also installed solar panels on the cart to serve as an additional method of charging.

Although the team members are laser electro-optics technology students, the

project crosses departmental lines: students in the mechanical engineering technology program assisted with the computer-aided drafting to create the blueprints for the model; members of the English department helped edit reports and proposals; and the fine arts department helped to create a design which the teams hopes to one day apply to the outside of the vehicle.

The STCC Foundation stepped in with funding to manufacture the parts for the engine.

While the academic year is quickly coming to a close, the students hope to continue to work on this project after graduation and create a prototype. Roy and Borgatti have established a GoFundMe page to help support the continuation of their project, as well as other senior laser electro-optics technology projects at STCC. Donations can be made directly to their cause by visiting www.gofundme.com/n52lbn.

The CAE vehicle was officially unveiled on April 30 at the STCC Foundation's sixth annual "Not Just Business As Usual" networking event at the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield.

LaZazzera among ICC scholarship winners

SPRINGFIELD — The Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts Inc. will honor 10 high school seniors who will receive Italian Cultural Center scholarships on Monday, June 15. Among those to be honored is Agawam High School student Chris LaZazzera, who is the recipient of a \$500 Springfield UNICO Scholarship.

The Italian Cultural Center Scholarships, sponsored by ICC members, the ICC and Springfield UNICO, recognize the ac-

complishments of young people of Italian heritage and to support their further studies.

The banquet will take place 6 p.m. at St. Anne Country Club, 781 Shoemaker Lane, Feeding Hills. This event is open to members and non-members. Reservations are required. The cost is \$35 per person. For reservations, call Sandi Vella at 413-736-8502. Deadline for reservations is June 5.

School Lunch

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL

The Agawam High School lunch menu is posted on the school's website.

AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, May 11: Baked mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, whipped potatoes, seasoned vegetable, fresh and chilled fruit.

Tuesday, May 12: Cheeseburger on a whole-wheat bun, lettuce and tomato, seasoned corn, ice cream sandwich, assorted chilled fruit.

Wednesday, May 13: Buffalo chicken wrap, celery sticks and ranch baked potato rounds, brownie, assorted chilled fruit.

Thursday, May 14: Manager's choice.

Friday, May 15: Personal pan pizza, salad with lite dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.

ROBERTA G. DOERING SCHOOL

Monday, May 11: Baked mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, whipped potatoes, seasoned vegetable, fresh and chilled fruit.

Tuesday, May 12: Cheeseburger on a whole-wheat bun, lettuce and tomato, seasoned corn, ice cream sandwich, assorted chilled fruit.

Wednesday, May 13: Buffalo chicken wrap, celery sticks and ranch baked potato rounds, brownie, assorted chilled fruit.

Thursday, May 14: Manager's choice.

Friday, May 15: Personal pan pizza, salad with lite dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.

AGAWAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Monday, May 11: Baked mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, whipped potatoes, seasoned vegetable, fresh and chilled fruit.

Tuesday, May 12: Cheeseburger on a whole-wheat bun, lettuce and tomato, seasoned corn, ice cream sandwich, assorted chilled fruit.

Wednesday, May 13: All beef hot dog on a whole-wheat bun, low-fat potato chips, vegetarian beans, brownie, assorted chilled fruit.

Thursday, May 14: Manager's choice.

Friday, May 15: Personal pan pizza, salad with lite dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.

ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST MENU

Monday, May 11: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, cinnamon graham crackers, mozzarella cheese string, chilled juice.

Tuesday, May 12: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted Nutri-Grain bars, mozzarella cheese string, chilled juice.

Wednesday, May 13: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted muffins, mozzarella cheese string, chilled juice.

Thursday, May 14: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted Trix yogurt, mozzarella cheese string, chilled juice.

Friday, May 15: Pillsbury mini chocolate-chip pancakes with syrup for dipping, mozzarella cheese string, chilled 1 percent low-fat milk, chilled juice.

Pharmacist visits AHS Medical Club

Dr. Natalya Scherbekova, an instructor from Western New England University School of Pharmaceuticals, visited the Agawam High School Future Medical Career Club April 9 to discuss possibilities lying ahead for students with an interest in the medical field.

The Future Medical Career Club helps students find and identify different medical careers that might interest them. They host many different events and bring in guest speakers to engage club members in hands-on activities and show them what the medical field can be like.

Among the topics Scherbekova discussed were intended majors for those who want to continue into the study of pharmaceutical sciences and life while on the road to getting there.

She advised that all paths might lead to the same place, but cautioned students to be weary of distractions such as peer pressure and procrastination.

“Hard work and dedication open gateways to anywhere imaginable,” she said.



Future Medical Career Club members at the April 9 meeting featuring guest speaker Dr. Natalya Scherbekova

CAMPUS NOTES

Emmanuel College: Tyler Billick, of Feeding Hills, and the men's lacrosse team finished the spring season as Great Northeast Athletic Conference champions for the second-consecutive year. Cian O'Sullivan, of Agawam, was among student-athletes from 16 varsity sports and the dance team honored for accomplishments on and off the field during the school's annual Athletics Banquet held April 25.

Springfield College: Colleen Keeley, of Agawam, earned 2015 Spring Academic All-Conference Team honors by the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference.

University of Massachusetts Amherst: Janice Beach, of Agawam, was recently inducted into the Honor Society of Phi Beta Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines.

Agawam High School Counseling bulletin

College Acceptances: Olivia Beauvais: Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, UMass Amherst, Northeastern University; Daniel Robie, Westfield State University.

Seniors: Please bring in to Mrs. Ledger in Guidance a stamped white envelope addressed to the college you are attending in September so that your final transcript can be mailed out. Make sure to put your name in the top left hand side. If no envelope is received, the transcript will not go out.

Ronald McDonald House Teen Board: This board is comprised of a highly select group of sophomore and junior high school students. Teen selections are based

on academics, activities, and commitment to volunteering. Each teen is expected to volunteer 30-40 hours per school year. If you are interested in being a board member, complete an application at www.rmhc-wma.org/get-involved/teen-board-volunteers and return by May 31. Two recommendation letters must accompany the application. Only two students per school are generally chosen.

ACTs: June 13 (sign up by May 8).

SATs: May 2 (sign up by April 6); June 6 (sign up by May 8).

Scholarships: See your counselor for more information or an application.

Improvement League offering \$1,000 scholarships

The Hampden County Improvement League, 28 N. West St., Feeding Hills, is awarding scholarships in the amount of up to \$1,000 to high school seniors who meet certain criteria. The applications are available at area high schools and are due by June 1.

Recipients must be a resident of Hampden County for at least two years, be a good student and must show current or previous involvement in 4-H, an agricultural endeavor or be a member of a farm family.

The Hampden County Improvement League was established Jan. 25, 1913, to promote agriculture and farm family life

in Hampden County. HCIL is committed to encouraging youth to challenge themselves and work toward their potential by furthering their education after high school. To help meet this financial commitment the League established a scholarship fund in 1993. Scholarships are awarded annually in the amount of up to \$1,000 each. The recipient will continue to receive the award throughout his/her post secondary education.

For questions or more information, call Sue at 413-786-1432, Maryellen at 413-575-1759 or see the high school guidance counselor.

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SPORTS



TENNIS

Brownies sweep past Lions

By Gregory A. Scibelli

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – For the second time this season, the Agawam boys tennis team captured a clean sweep of Ludlow with a 5-0 win at home last Thursday afternoon.

With the exception of the first doubles team, the Brownies had a pretty easy path to the victory.

Will Conklin continued his great season with a pair of 6-0 wins in straight sets to defeated Tyler Nowakowski.

In order to maintain a perfect scored on the day, Conklin had to do some extra comeback work in the second set.

In the first set, Conklin would cruise to a 3-0 lead. He would win the fourth, allowing just one shot to get by him. He picked up a shutout in the fifth game, and then cruised to the 6-0 win in the first set.

Twice in the second set, Conklin was taken to the limit a number of times. In the first game of the second set, he fell behind 40-love before coming all the way back, scoring a deuce, and then taking the win to go up 1-0.

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Will Conklin serves for the Brownies. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

SOFTBALL

Agawam softball out to 8-0 start

By Gregory A. Scibelli

Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM – A perfect season is nice, but the Agawam High School softball team wants a return trip to the Massachusetts Division I State finals, the same place they found themselves in two years ago with Allison Wheeler, a freshman pitcher who took the region by storm.

Wheeler, now a junior, has led the Brownies to an 8-0 record so far this season.

Agawam has overcome several talented teams over the past couple of weeks, including getting Longmeadow.

Now, Agawam scored wins over Belchertown, Northampton, and Division III powerhouse Hampshire Regional.

Last Thursday at Belchertown, the Brownies and Orioles traded runs in the first inning, and it remained that way until Agawam took a lead in the fourth inning.

Wheeler and the Brownies defense kept things close until the seventh innings, when Agawam had a three-run rally to put the game on ice.

Wheeler helped herself out at the plate with 3-for-4 afternoon. She drove in a run and scored a run. Sabrina Dubiel, Katie Grasso, Jess Lingenberg, and Taylor Marcotte all had hits and an RBI

each. Grasso scored twice and had a home run.

Wheeler allowed a run on six hits. She struck out nine.

Agawam trailed 1-0 heading into the top of the sixth inning against Northampton High School when it struck for five runs capped by a grand slam by Rachel Laponese.

The slam gave the Brownies a 4-1 lead and Agawam tacked on another in the inning and two more in the seventh inning to run away with the victory.

Wheeler allowed just one run in the third inning and also continued her offensive tear that has moved her up to near the top of the order.

She went 4-for-4 and scored a run. Laponese had two hits in the game and Lingenberg had a double and drove in a run.

Wheeler finished allowing a run on four hits and struck out three in the complete game victory.

Last Monday afternoon was a very wild game as Agawam took on Hampshire Regional in a big independent matchup for both teams. Hampshire has been a strong team in Division III the past couple of years and wanted a big test against the Brownies in Agawam.

Hampshire got to Wheeler in

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VOLLEYBALL

Brownies exact revenge over Terriers

By Gregory A. Scibelli

Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam High School boys volleyball team is starting to take shape now and have won their last two games, beating Ludlow and on Monday, taking out West Springfield 3-0.

In a measure of revenge for the Brownies, who were only defeated technically once in the state finals last season (two losses were by forfeits), Agawam has suffered three defeats this season against the Terriers, Comp, and Westfield.

Agawam is re-establishing its starting lineup, but thanks to a great program, has not lost a beat and the team is 8-3 this season.

Agawam dropped a 3-2 decision against West Springfield for its first loss of the season, an unfamiliar position for the Brownies after three amazing years at the very top.

The Brownies took the loss and came out at home and swept away the Terriers.

West Springfield did not make it easy with the exception of the first game in the three-game set.

Agawam set a very dominant tone early, getting the bounces their way throughout the game and coming away with a 25-11 victory.

In the second game, Agawam had a 19-14 lead nearing the end of the game when they fell into a bit of a funk.

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The Agawam High School boys volleyball took a 3-0 win from West Springfield on Monday afternoon at home. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

BASEBALL

Brownies competing, but still winless this season

By Gregory A. Scibelli

Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM – It has been a very frustrating season so far for the Agawam High School baseball team.

Agawam has been in almost every game they have played this season, but offense has often been lacking in several of the matchups.

In a rare Sunday afternoon game, the Longmeadow Lancers were able to pour on some offense very late in the game and defeated Agawam 9-3.

Agawam was right with the Lancers for the first five innings of the game, trailing 4-3, but five runs over the final two innings allowed the Lancers to take the victory and leave Agawam winless for the 2015 season.

Tyler Heer went the first 4 2/3 innings and allowed four runs on seven hits. He walked just one and struck out four. After giving up three runs in the fifth inning, Troy Gallerani came on in relief and was able to get the final out. But Longmeadow got to him in the sixth and seventh innings. He would allow five runs on five hits. He struck out two.

The Brownies actually had the lead with a run in the bottom of the first inning. Longmeadow would tie the score in the top of the third, and then take the lead 4-1 in the top of the fifth. Agawam came back with a pair in the bottom of the inning, but that would be all the Brownie offense would manage.

Seamus Curran, who is being watched by major league scouts this spring, had a huge afternoon with three hits in three at-bats. He had a home run and scored two of Agawam's runs. The other RBI's came from Tym Regnier and Austin Sabadosa. Anthony Basile also scored a run and had two walks.

Last Wednesday afternoon, the Brownies would

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Sports

AIC fourth annual Run For Education

SPRINGFIELD - The fourth annual AIC Run for Education is set for Saturday, May 3 at 9 a.m.

The run will start at the Springfield courthouse, run up State Street and end at the AIC track.

This 5k race highlights the importance of K-12 educators in both children's lives and in our communities.

Individual running prizes for top male and top female. First place \$150 plus a match to the school of the runner's choice. Second place \$100 plus a match to the school of the runner's choice, and third

place \$50 plus a match to the school of the runner's choice.

Top male and female finishers in Masters and Veteran categories will be awarded non-cash prizes.

Team prizes for three fastest runners on a team to determine the team's cumulative time.

First place \$500 prize for the team and \$2500 awarded to their school. Second place \$250 prize for the team and \$250 awarded to their school. Third place \$150 prize for the team and \$150 awarded to their school.

Agawam Senior Center, Rotary golf tourney set

AGAWAM - The 20th Annual Senior Center Golf Tournament, co-sponsored by the Friends of the Agawam Senior Center and the Agawam Rotary, will take place Wednesday, June 3, at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course, 128 Southwick St., Feeding Hills.

A buffet lunch will be available immediately after play.

Registration and a continental breakfast begin at 7:30 a.m. The \$75 fee per player or \$300 for a foursome includes greens fees, cart, breakfast and lunch buffet. Tee signs are \$50 and business card or cart signs are

\$25 each.

Sponsorship, which are tax-deductible, are \$1,000 for platinum, which includes a golf foursome; \$500 for gold; and \$100 for silver or bronze.

Lunch is available for non-golfers at a cost of \$15 per person.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Friends of the Agawam Senior Center and the Agawam Rotary Scholarship Fund.

For more information, call 413-821-0605 ext. 1 or ext. 8835. Rain date to be announced.

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Nowakowski tried to throw off Conklin with a few soft high hits in a row, but Conklin was able to keep control of his returns, and eventually got the ball past his opponent.

After cruising to a 4-0 lead in the second set, Conklin had a short-lived bad streak with a 40-15 lead. Nowakowski came back to score a deuce before Conklin took the advantage and the game. Conklin would sweep the sixth game in the 6-0 second set.

Conklin said he likes to move his opponent around, and with the exception of a few instances, he was able to do that well with Nowakowski.

"I tried to move him around a little," said Conklin. "That will hopefully tire him out a bit if the match had to go farther."

Conklin also said he attacked a weakness, which was striking when Nowakowski was drawn closer to the net.

Conklin says he is hoping to see Agawam win a third straight league title. The Brownies improved to 8-2 with the victory.

Second singles competitor Alex Sours won his match with a 6-1, 6-1 score. He says Agawam has been working hard to have a successful year.

"We are playing Agawam tennis and we are working hard in practice," said Sours. "We have a very composed team."

Mike Destefano won in the third singles slot.

The first doubles team of Nick Fenney and Steven Ludke were taken to the limit, winning in three sets, 6-0, 4-6, and 7-5.

Alec Ardolino and Connor MacCinchy won in straight sets, 6-2, 6-1.

Agawam is a perfect 5-0 in the league and will next compete Friday at home against Northampton at 4 p.m.

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the first inning to take a 4-0 lead. But Agawam scored in each of the first five innings to take the lead and keep it in a 12-8 win.

Wheeler had two hits and homered. She drove in five runs. Ellen Vyce and Marcotte also hit home runs for Agawam. Lingenberg, Grasso, Marcotte, and Vyce all had two hits each. Lingenberg drove in three

runs and Marcotte brought in two runs. Wheeler struggled a bit with control, walking seven in her complete game outing. She allowed all eight runs on nine hits and struck out seven.

The Brownies will host East Longmeadow this afternoon and Palmer tomorrow, both at 4 p.m. starts.



Agawam volleyball is now 8-3 this season following a shutout over West Springfield. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

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The Terriers would find their way to a 19-19 tie, and the teams traded a couple of points. West Springfield would take the lead briefly, going up 21-20, but the Brownies quickly re-tied the score and took the lead.

After a couple of kills by Jeff Leclerc, Agawam had a 23-22 lead. A bad serve by the Terriers made it 24-22. One volley later, a double-hit on West Springfield's side led the Brownies to a 25-23 win in the second game.

Agawam and West Springfield went all the way to the limit and beyond in the third game. The teams kept going back and forth with points and Agawam finally outlasted West Springfield 32-30 to get the shutout victory.

For the game, Roman Mogan had an excellent outing, scoring 31 digs on the defensive side of the court. Garrett Hollander contributed 30 assists. Leclerc finished

with 22 kills. Kris Page added 10 and had 10 digs.

Last Thursday afternoon, Agawam outlasted Ludlow 3-2. Agawam got an amazing 47 assists from Hollander in the five-game set.

The Brownies, playing on the road, appeared to have the edge winning the first two games in the set, both by 25-22 scores. Ludlow came back with a couple of impressive wins in the third and fourth games, but the Brownies got it together and won the fifth game 15-12.

Agawam is heading into the final seven games of the regular season, where they will look to improve their standing against the two top teams in the region. Coming up today, the Brownies will host Chicopee Comprehensive at 5 p.m. They will rematch with Ludlow on Tuesday afternoon at 5 p.m.

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visit Holyoke for an independent game.

The Brownies were defeated 5-2 thanks to some great pitching by Holyoke's Seth Sypniak, who pitched a complete game allowing two runs on just four hits. He walked five and struck out eight.

Luke Rheault suffered the defeat allowing two runs on seven hits in the first 2 1/3 innings. Gallerani allowed three runs on four hits in 3 2/3 innings of relief. He struck out four.

Basile went 2-for-4 with a double and an

RBI. Curran was 1-for-2 and had two walks. Cam Rivest also walked twice.

Agawam is currently 0-9 and is still seeking its first win of the regular season. They had a busy week with matchups against Chicopee and Cathedral during the past few days. Coming up tomorrow, the Brownies will host East Longmeadow.

The Spartans scored a come-from-behind victory 5-4 against the Brownies on April 16.

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Lunch Menu

Monday, May 11: Beefsteak with fried onions, peas and carrots, mashed potatoes, oranges.

Tuesday, May 12: Barbeque chicken, potato salad, corn on the cob, pudding.

Wednesday, May 13: Kielbasa, kapusta, pirogues, baked good.

Thursday, May 14: Turkey tetrazzini over egg noodles, mixed vegetables, peaches.

Friday, May 15: Sweet potato crusted fish with Mediterranean sauce, rice pilaf, spinach, mixed fruit.

Calendar of Events

Monday, May 11: 8:15, Yoga; 9 a.m., Painting Club; 9:30 a.m., Line Dancing; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., "Encompass" Seminar with Brian; 1 p.m., Reiki, Bingo; 3 p.m., Senior Theater Rehearsal; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Tuesday, May 12: 9 a.m., Shuffleboard Begins at St. John's (Leonard Street), Knitting Class, Sew-

ing Class; 10 a.m., Computer Club Meets; 12:30 p.m., Ladies Billiards, Mah Jongg, Movie ("The Best of Me"); 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 2:30 p.m., Chorus; 4 p.m., ADA Meeting; 4:30 p.m., Yoga; 6 p.m., Beginner Line Dance, Garden Club Meets; 6:30 p.m., Evening Sewing Class.

Wednesday, May 13: 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., Bridge, Free Blood Pressure Check; 1 p.m., Ballroom Lessons, Scrabble; 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers Chapter 1 Meeting; 2-4 p.m., CPA Jack Welch (by appt.); 3 p.m., Senior Theater Rehearsal; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Thursday, May 14: 9:30 a.m., Quilting; 10 a.m., Line Dancing; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Pitch, Open Art Class; 2 p.m., Melody Band Practice; 6:30 p.m., Pitch, Evening Line Dancing.

Friday, May 15: 8 a.m., Yoga; 9:15 a.m., All Media Art; 10 a.m., Tai Chi; Noon, Canasta; 1 p.m., Pitch, Cribbage; 5 p.m., Zumba Gold.



Granger School kindergarten teacher Amber LaMontagne (center, black shirt) poses with some participants in the 2014 motorcycle ride to benefit the Granger School PTO. With her, from left, are Kathy Rodd, Bill Borowiec, Jim Chenier, Belinda Zina, Mark Frink, Keith Marini, Nuno Valdegas and Fernando Valdegas. SUBMITTED PHOTO

'Highway to Help' set for May 16

The third annual Highway to Help Motorcycle Ride, sponsored by the Clifford Granger Elementary School PTO, will take place Saturday, May 16, at the Polish American Club, 139 Southwick St., Feeding Hills. Registration will be from 9 to 10 a.m., the poker run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and lunch at 3 p.m.

Cost is \$25 per driver, \$10 per passenger or spectator, and will include lunch and a cash bar. Guests are welcome. The day's events will include a raffle, cruising, lunch and music. All motorcycles welcome.

Proceeds from the event will support the PTO general fund.

YMCA to host Mohegan Sun trip

The Agawam YMCA will host a bus trip to Mohegan Sun the third Monday of each month, with the exception of December. This month's trip is scheduled for May 18. The bus will leave the YMCA parking lot at 8 a.m. Tickets are \$25 per person and include a \$15 meal ticket and two \$10 big wheel tickets. To reserve a seat, call Helen at 413-786-8685.

Knife painter at artists' meeting May 13

The Agawam Community Artists and Artisans meeting on Wednesday, May 13, at 7 p.m. will feature Mary Rozman in the community room of the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St.

Rozman will cover doing a pallet knife painting in oil (Holbein water soluble), including how to handle the knife and techniques to use the knife as a tool, replacing the brush.

Guests are always welcome.

Happy 90th, Albert

Albert Lepore, a long-time resident of Feeding Hills, will celebrate his 90th birthday on May 14. A veteran of World War II, he is retired from Pratt & Whitney. He has been married to Carmella Lepore for 67 years. They are the parents of Linda Wilson and Patty, the grandparents of Thomas, and have a great-granddaughter and a great-great grandson. SUBMITTED PHOTO



Memorial fishing event open to area youth

The fourth annual Bob "Who" Rennell Memorial Agawam Youth Fishing Day will take place Sunday, June 7, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the West Springfield Fish and Game Club, 329 Garden St., Feeding Hills.

Free of charge, this event is open to all Agawam youth 16 and under as well as club members and kids. The day's events will



Bob Rennell

also include free raffles for kids. Food and beverages will be available. Bait will be available at the clubhouse free of charge. No fishing license is required.

For more information, call the clubhouse at 413-786-5925.



Alex Scafuri's aunt Sarah Scafuri, left, and grandmother Kristina Hurley sold T-shirts and bracelets outside the barbershop on Sunday. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

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available at retail locations such as the Ice Cream Shoppe, Java Stop, The Barber and the White Hut.

In addition to the obvious medical and rehabilitation expenses, said Hurley, the Scafuri family faces the massive cost of renovating their home to make it accessible to a wheelchair. The work will include ramps, a chairlift, new doorknobs, widened doorways and larger bathrooms. The family will also have to buy a new van.

In good spirits

Hurley said Alex Scafuri, currently at a hospital in Atlanta that specializes in spinal injuries, and has made friends with the other teenagers there. He hopes to return to Agawam by the end of this month.

The accident left him paralyzed below

the neck, but he has regained a little movement in his right arm, Hurley said. He is learning to operate a motorized wheelchair controlled by breath and facial movement.

Losing the use of his arms and legs hasn't dampened his sense of humor, she added. He's been in good spirits when speaking with his family, and even managed to convince them to sneak in some of his favorite foods.

"He's an amazing 16-year-old kid who acts like a 16-year-old kid," Hurley said.

A benefit event for Alex will be held May 31, 1-8 p.m., at the Polish American Club, 139 Southwick St., Feeding Hills. Admission is \$20 for adults, free for children 10 and under. The event will include food, an auction, a raffle, a bounce house and face painting for kids, and music from Maxxstone and DJ

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to retire at the age of 65. Other towns have sought special legislation to allow certain officers to work until age 70.

The special legislation proposal had the support of councilors Paul Cavallo, Gina Letellier, George Bitzas and Anthony Sufriti.

Cavallo and Letellier both agreed they were satisfied that the officers receive yearly physicals and are watched closely by Police Chief Eric Gillis.

"If the officer cannot handle the job," said Cavallo, "they can and will be removed from the roster by the chief."

Letellier said she trusted Gillis to manage the officers and make sure they were fit for duty.

"I support this," said Letellier. "Mental and physical fitness is not limited to age."

Councilor Robert Rossi, a former police officer in Agawam, disagreed, and spoke out against the resolution at length.

Among the issues, he quoted the state law that requires retirement at age 65. He noted that unfortunately, as people age, their ability to react and be physically able to handle the job is lessened.

"There is a reason why police officers are supposed to retire at 65," said Rossi. "It's the same reason federal officers must retire at 57. I think we are running a serious risk having them out there. If something happens to them while they are on the job,

we would be responsible for compensating them."

Council President Christopher Johnson said he would not support the resolution as committed. He said he would support a revised resolution that would limit the duties of special police officers between ages of 65 and 70 to road and traffic details.

"I cannot reconcile the fact that we ask our full-time police officers to retire at 65 and allow special police officers to continue working," said Johnson. "If we are having issues finding officers for road details, then [change] the legislation so they are not fully sworn officers and are limited to road details."

Councilor Donald Rheault said he has not heard of any issues with road details and he does not believe there is a reason to change anything.

Following the vote, Police Chief Eric Gillis said there is a lot more to consider with the resolution and that there is a lot of ambiguity in the different laws in Massachusetts.

He also said the special police officers working in Agawam are a valuable asset and fill a gap when the regular police officers are unable to perform or extra help is needed.

"One great example was when we had the October 2011 snowstorm," said Gillis. "We had to call them in quite a bit and they were a great help. They are able to help us do a lot of things."



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The St. Martha's Guild of Sacred Heart Parish in Feeding Hills, will hold a tag, bake, and flower sale at the parish center on Saturday, May 9, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is \$20 per table.

To reserve a table, mail a check to the Sacred Heart Parish Office, 1061 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030, Attn. St. Martha's Tag Sale; contact Linda at 413-949-3741; or email b.billbathel@comast.net.

Setup at the parish center will be Friday, May 8, from 4 to 7 p.m., and Saturday, May 9, from 8 to 9 a.m. Donations to the parish will be accepted to be sold. All proceeds will support various parish activities throughout the year.

During the event, there will be a bake sale. To donate bake sale items, bring them to the parish office on Friday or Saturday. Please note on the items if there are nuts or peanut used in the recipe. There will also be flowering plants for sale for Mother's Day.

Kids Bible camp to begin July 13

The Catholic community of Agawam will host a Catholic weeklong summer Bible camp Monday through Friday, July 13 to 17, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Morning and afternoon snacks and lunch are provided.

The program will include daily scripture themes, crafts, outdoor games, activities, music, food and fun. For children in grades 1 through 6, youth volunteers in grades 7 through 11 are welcome to assist in the program. The cost for each child is \$50 and for three or more, \$125.

Medical forms, registration and fees need to be completed by Monday, June 15. For more information or to register, call the secretary and religious education coordinator at Sacred Heart Parish, Lisa Raffia, at 413-786-8200. Registration forms are available online at www.sacredheartfeedinghills.org. All are welcome to attend, regardless of parish affiliation. It will be held only if there are the necessary numbers of children attending.

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Catholic Women's banquet May 11 at Crestview

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The dinner this year will be a buffet. Tickets are \$28.50 per person. Guests are welcome for this event. For information and reservations, call Janet Wysocki at 413-786-2041.

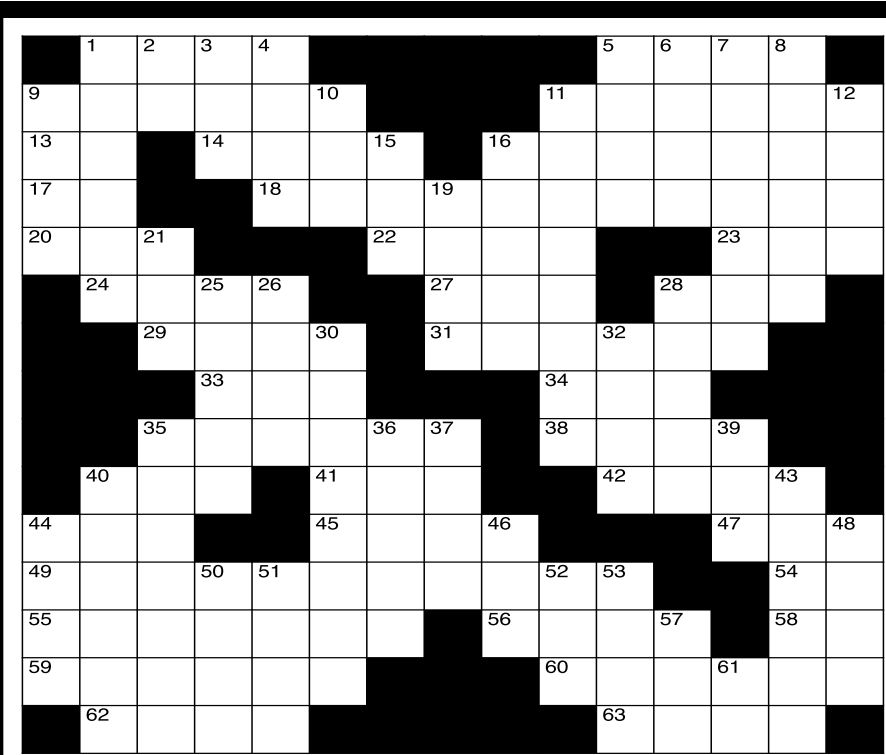
Hope Church hosts free kids camp in July

Hope Community Church, 152 S. Westfield St., Feeding Hills, will host a free kids camp Monday through Friday, July 20-24, from 9 a.m. to noon. The camp will include Bible stories, activities, games, crafts and snacks.

The camp, "Gospel Light's Son-Spark Labs," will focus on "Discovering God's Plan 4U = Jesus!"

For more information, call 413-786-2445 or visit hopecommunitychurchagawam.org.

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- CLUES ACROSS**

 - 1. William the Conqueror's birth city
 - 5. Expired
 - 9. Muslim greeting
 - 11. Hangs cloth in loose folds
 - 13. "...", denotes past
 - 14. Jog
 - 16. Ocean shore
 - 17. Promotion of a product
 - 18. The Constitution State
 - 20. Russian space station
 - 22. Paper mulberry bark cloth
 - 23. Fiddler crabs
 - 24. Drunkards
 - 27. Domestic hog
 - 28. Before
 - 29. Papua New Guinea monetary unit
 - 31. Existentialist philosopher Jean-Paul
- CLUES DOWN**

 - 1. Coarse woolen braid
 - 2. Gangster Capone
 - 3. Ingest
 - 4. Drug enforcement officer (slang)
 - 5. Expression of annoyance
 - 6. Romanian capital until 1861
 - 7. A person who enjoys good food and drink
 - 8. A way to reason
 - 9. Sewing junction
 - 10. Sound of bovines
 - 11. Metric weight unit
 - 12. Stalk of a moss capsule
 - 15. Explosive
 - 16. Reddish brown
 - 19. Short sleeps
 - 21. Decay
 - 25. Crepe fern genus
 - 26. Actor Connery
- 33. V.P. Quayle
 - 34. Expression of surprise
 - 35. Declares untrue
 - 38. Corn dough
 - 40. Ocean
 - 41. Supply with men
 - 42. Spring tides
 - 44. Spooky month
 - 45. To tie in Spanish
 - 47. Possessed
 - 49. Br. Architect Wren
 - 54. Prosecutor for a district
 - 55. Tribal chieftains
 - 56. Fulfill a command
 - 58. Location of White House
 - 59. Happy facial gestures
 - 60. Cheap showy jewelry or ornament
 - 62. Over again
 - 63. Inhabitants of ancient Media
- 28. Wipe out recorded information
 - 30. Imparts motion to
 - 32. Compared to
 - 35. Alight from train
 - 36. N.H. 03832
 - 37. 2 piece clothing fastener
 - 39. Express pleasure
 - 40. A plan, outline or model
 - 43. Give a spanking to
 - 44. NY Times publisher Adolph Simon
 - 46. 17th Greek letter
 - 48. Small, stout cyprinid fish
 - 50. Lazy
 - 51. Merganser
 - 52. Fall back from
 - 53. Enlarge hole
 - 57. Hong Kong dialect
 - 61. Initials of "10" actress

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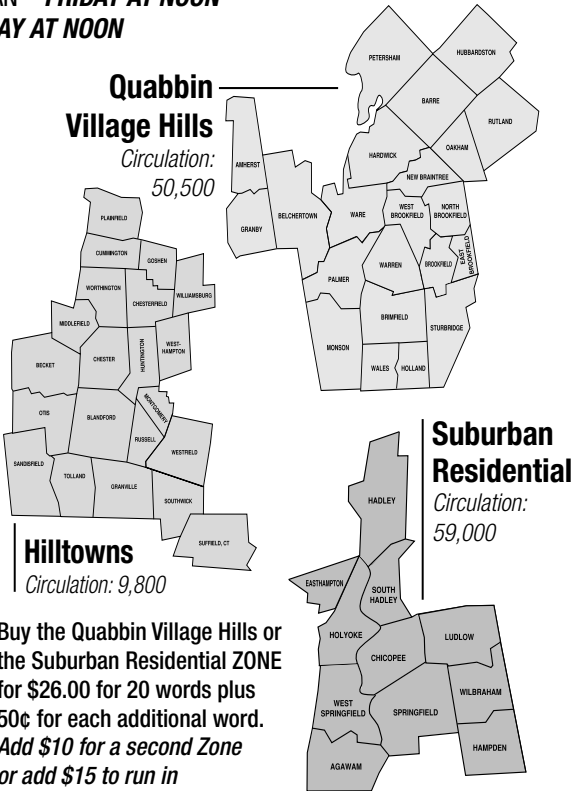
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Friday, May 8

THE AGAWAM CULTURAL COUNCIL will present “A First-Person Visit With General Ulysses S. Grant,” at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. at 7 p.m. as part of its Applause Series. The library can be reached by phone at 413-789-1550. This and all Applause Series events are free and open to the public.

THE HUDSON VALLEY ARABIAN HORSE SHOW will take place Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. in the Coliseum on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Admission is free.

Saturday, May 9

BOY SCOUT TROOP 185 will hold a can and bottle drive on. Drop off is in front of the Agawam First Baptist Church, 760 Main St., from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Proceeds will help defray the cost of campouts and other scout functions.

A CRAFT FAIR, PLANT AND BAKE SALE at First Congregational Church on the rotary in East Longmeadow, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The day's events will include a raffle for a “Gardener's Gift Basket. Perennials, ground covers, small shrubs, and flowering vines will be on sale.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SERVICE at Trinity United Methodist Church, 361 Sumner Ave., Springfield, at 4 p.m. The TJ O'Connor Animal Adoption Center, Urban Wildlife, and Whispering Horse Therapeutic Riding Center will join for festivities on the church lawn from 4-5 p.m.

Wednesday, May 13

THE AGAWAM COMMUNITY ARTISTS AND ARTISANS MEETING will feature Mary Rozman demonstrating palette knife painting with oils. The meeting will be held at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. beginning at 7 p.m. Guests are welcome.

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St.,

Autism resources



Jan Doody from Community Resources recently spoke to the GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club about how the work they do impacts the autistic community, supports families, and provides resources to families who deal with or care for people with autism. Pictured, left to right, are Janine Iacola, member in charge of programs, Jan Doody from Community Resources, and club member Karen LaPlante. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Agawam offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper at a cost of \$7 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

Thursday, May 14

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present “Surveying Whistler's Works on Paper” featuring Jonathan Shirland, PhD, assistant professor of history, Bridgewater State University, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts, at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call 413-263-6800, ext. 488.

Saturday, May 16

PREPARING FOR WAR AND FOR PEACE — CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS at Robinson State Park, 420 North St., Feeding Hills, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Presentation followed by a walk to see how the CCC built the park and the remains of their camp. Two miles. Bring snack, water and insect repellent. Heavy rain cancels. Meet at the park pavilion.

THE AGAWAM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION fundraiser from noon to 3 p.m. will benefit the Thomas Smith House. Events will include a family picnic, a May Pole Celebration, a bake sale and tours of the historic house at 251 N. West St., Feeding Hills. All are invited to bring a picnic lunch. A \$10 per family donation will include

beverage and ice cream dessert. For more information, visit thethomassmithhouse.com.

THE LONGMEADOW HISTORICAL SOCIETY will sponsor Long Meddowe Days today and tomorrow on the Town Green. Events will include a 5K road race and community walk, tours of historical sights, a selection of vendors, a campfire with hot dogs and hamburgers, a sing-along and many activities for children.

EXPERIENCE MUSIC AT UNITED will present the silent film, Robin Hood, starring Douglas Fairbanks. It is co-sponsored with the Springfield Chapter, American Guild of Organists and features Peter Krasinski, organist, at 7 p.m. Suggested donation, \$10; \$5 for seniors and students. For more information, visit www.uccholyoke.org or call 413-532-1483.

Sunday, May 17

THE WEST SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB will meet at 7 p.m. at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 214 Elm St. A presentation and discussion will include facts about grading U.S. coins, a small auction will take place and refreshments will be available. Guests welcome. For more information, call Peter Setian at 413-596-9871.

Friday, May 22

THE ARABIAN HORSE CLUB OF CONN. HORSE SHOW will take place Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m.

to 10 p.m. on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Admission is free.

Saturday, May 23

NORTH HALL ARTS FESTIVAL, 40 Searle Road, Huntington - Opera Showcase: Art Songs Of Richard Strauss and excerpts from Bizet's “Carmen,” including the Flower Song. Reception. Today at 7 p.m.; Sunday at 2 p.m. Art gallery open. \$15 at door; students free. Open seating. Wheelchair-access, airconditioned, 413-667-5543 / www.northhallhuntington.org.

Monday, May 25

THE AGAWAM HISTORICAL AND FIREHOUSE MUSEUM, 35 Elm St., will be open from noon to 3 p.m. The public is invited to stop in for a visit after the parade. Due to last year's overwhelming response from the public, the museum will once again feature the exhibit, “Riverside Park — A Century as the Playground of the Connecticut Valley.” For more information, visit www.agawamhistoricalassoc.webs.com.

Tuesday, May 26

A MERCY HOSPITAL BLOOD DRIVE sponsored by the Knights of Columbus will take place from 2-4 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 1103 Springfield St., Feeding Hills.

Sunday, May 31

THE MASSACHUSETTS SENIOR GAMES will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield.

Saturday, Aug. 15

TOM KNIGHT PUPPET SHOW at North Hall, 40 Searle Road, Huntington at 11 a.m. Original songs and skits with handmade puppets, for families and young children. Reception. Art Gallery open. Free for kids and adults. Open seating. Wheelchair-access, air-conditioned.

ONGOING

ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. No registration needed.

AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 459 Mill St., Agawam, offers “Crochet Club” every other Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This club is open to all needle-workers, including crocheters, knitters, quilters, and embroiderers. For more information, call 413-786-7991.

THE LADIES GLEE CLUB AND MEN'S CHOIR at the Springfield Turnverein, 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, are back to work. Practice is held every Wednesday with the ladies beginning at 7 p.m. followed by the men at 8:30 p.m. All are welcome. There is space available for anyone interested in joining.

Have Fun All Summer Long at the Boys and Girls Club of West Springfield! Register Today!

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EARLY BIRD SPECIAL!

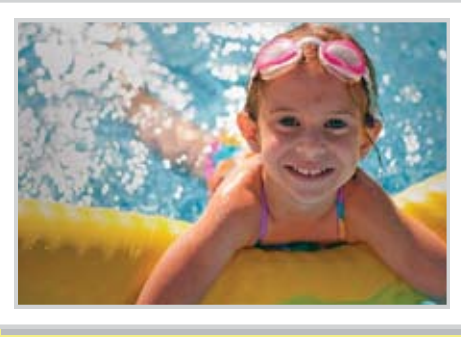
Register before **June 1st** for **\$135 per session** or **\$150 per session** thereafter.

Includes: Field Trip, Breakfast, Lunch, Camper T-shirt, Pre Camp and Post Camp (if needed)

Hours of Operation:

Pre-Camp	6:30-9:00 AM
Camp	9:00-4:00 PM
Post Camp	4:00-5:30 PM

The Boys & Girls Club of West Springfield Summer Camp provides a safe and fun recreational environment. Campers participate in a variety of activities including sports, swimming, arts & crafts, character development, team building, science, literacy, nature, nutrition, dance, music and drama. For more information about our exciting weekly themes please contact the Boys & Girls Club at **413-736-1831** or visit our **website: www.wsgbclub.org**





The teams and their many colors gather around the infield for the opening ceremonies.

Opening day on the diamonds



Brian Langston takes part in a hitting skills challenge.

The Agawam Little League celebrated Opening Day with ceremonies and a skills competition last Saturday, May 2. The day included many fun activities not just for the players, but their families as well. There were sporting goods vendors, bounce houses, and face painting. Players got to participate in field and hitting skills competitions. The weather was sunny and beautiful for the opening ceremonies.

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Mayor Richard Cohen throws out a ceremonial first pitch.



Minor league pitcher and Agawam native Tyler Toyfair speaks to the Little Leaguers. He will be volunteering this season.



Tom Plakias, 9, throws the ball to the outfield during a fielding competition.



Jackson Schlosser, 11, eyes a new baseball bat.



Ryan Best, 7, takes in the view from the dugout.



Several of the players in the junior league walk the parade route with their equipment in tow.